



AUDITORS' REPORT

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FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

TOWN OF LANDAFF.

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1887.

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AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1887.

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RECEIPTS INTO THE TREASURY.

Amount of town tax bill,	\$2143 96
Savings Bank tax,	492 31
Railroad tax,	41 32
Literary fund,	91 52
County of Grafton, Pauper claim,	342 66
S. Gordon, Collector for 1884,	139 20
" " " 1885,	598 00
Interest on Errol note 1886,	39 00
Henry Dowse, highway tax,	1 50
Lucinda Clark, " " 1885	9 00
Chas. E. Clark, " " 1885	9 45

	\$3907 92

EXPENDITURES.

State tax,	\$464 00
County tax,	466 51
School order,	735 03

	\$1665 54

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Geo. O. Eastman,	\$33 75
Wm. Howland,	54 07
Mrs. Wm. Dexter,	146 90
Mrs. Brooks,	80
E. S. Brooks,	1 85
Guilmette boy,	15 00
	—
	\$252 37

TOWN PAUPERS.

William C. Noyes' children,	\$83 61
Stanley boy,	55 50
	—
	\$139 11

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Moses Whitcher 1st Selectman	\$45 00
Fred E. Cogswell 2nd Selectman,	27 00
A. J. Flanders 3rd Selectman,	27 00
S. A. Eaton, Treasurer,	16 00
S. A. Eaton, Town Clerk,	15 48
C. C. Whitcher,	12 00
J. E. Hall, } School Board.	10 50
Moses Whitcher, }	5 00
Moses Whitcher, Overseer of Poor,	10 00
S. G. Simonds, Collector,	20 00
H. H. Noyes, }	5 50
Savory Gordon, }	5 25
William Knight, }	3 00
Auditors,	4 50
F. P. Noyes, Auditor of School district,	1 50
	—
	\$207 73

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MISCELLANEOUS.

C. H. Boynton, returning births and deaths,	\$ 1 50
O. H. Boynton, " " " "	1 00
H. H. Hollister, " "	25
M. E. Church, rent of vestry,	10 00
H. B. Heath, Printing Town Reports for 1885,	11 00
E. B. Mann, Stationery,	8 95
Court, Indictment,	22 94
C. E. Clark, watering place in 1885-6,	3 00
Wm. T. Wright, "	2 00
Moses Whitcher, "	1 50
J. K. P. Young, "	3 00
W. N. Sargent, " in 1885,	
Wm. T. Wright, " "	1 00
Mrs. Philena Sargent, watering place,	3 00
J. C. Atwood, abatement on stock in trade in 1885,	15 90
J. C. Atwood & Co., (old Co.) "	5: 30
J. C. Atwood & Co., "	29 15
J. C. Atwood & Co., abatement of school house tax,	2 90
I. J. Tebbetts, " tax in 1885,	2 09
S. Gordon, abatement of tax against E. Bowles in 1885'	1 06
" A. E. Mace, "	2 57
" C. W. Swan, "	1 06
" J. N. Briggs, in 1884,	2 70
" L. F. Larabee, "	4 37
Wm. T. Wright, abatement of tax,	1 45
H. H. Elliott, " dog tax in 1885,	1 00
S. G. Simonds, abatement of tax against Levi Kendall,	87
" I. J. Tebbetts,	1 62
E. R. Richardson, highway tax worked,	3 00
Town of Lisbon, use of Road Machine,	4 00
Henry Dowse & O. E. Young, repairing Cemetery,	40 00
H. N. Whitcher, bounty on bear,	10 00
J. B. Foster, damage to sleigh,	10 50
Samuel Bean, error in taxes,	1 57
S. Gordon, Printing check-list,	5 44
S. A. Eaton, Treasurer, balance due in 1885,	82 20
Daniel Whitcher, Lumber in 1885.	27 20

Moses Whitcher, drawing lumber,	4	00
" road case,	3	75
F. P. Noyes, lumber and damage to plough,	74	30
H. H. Noyes, work on road,	9	29
K. W. Noyes,	5	00
H. N. Whitcher,	8	25
James S. Webster,		90
Henry Dowse,	2	00
Cyreno Clark,	9	75
L. D. Williams,	26	52
John B. Noyes,	28	20
Lyman Bemis,		4 50
W. N. Sargent,		8 25
H. D. Burbank,		18 13
T. J. Ruggles,		5 92
A. J. Flanders,		28 00
C. E. Heath,		1 80
O. E. Young,		3 26
Moren A. Knight,		1 25
Jacob Bowles,		1 05
W. C. Clark,		2 00
W. W. Eastman,		3 00
H. A. Ball,		11 75
W. G. Dexter,		4 50
Walker Stimson,		9 00
Hercel Gagne,		28 74
Morril Gagne,		7 50
Napoleon Berk,		3 00
J. S. Annis,		8 25
Chas. Clark,		6 70
J. E. Oakes,		9 50
J. C. Speed,		6 00
W. T. Torsey.		5 50
W. F. Bean,		1 50
E. P. Wells,		3 50
Paul Howe,		6 00
Edwin Moulton,		9 00
F. D. Burbank,		1 50
D. F. Lamere,		6 50
D. C. Spooner,		18 15

C. M. Gale, work on roads, in 1885,	3 60
G. N. Merrill, gravel,	4 00
" "	4 00
C. L. King, plank and posts,	4 15
A. J. Flanders, work and money paid,	49 04
F. E. Cogswell, " "	30 40
Whitcher & Kendall, plank,	20 95
C. L. King, lumber and damage to grass,	64 94

	\$905 43
In hands of S. A. Eaton, Treasurer.	\$649 43
" S. G. Simonds, Collector,	88 31

	\$3907 92
Indebtedness, due local school fund,	\$250 00

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Due from County of Grafton,	\$252 37
" State of N. H. (Bounty on Bear)	10 00
In hands of Treasurer,	649 43
" Collector,	88 31
" " (S. Gordon) 1885,	57 73
" " " 1884,	192 92

	\$1250 76
Available Assets, less indebtedness,	\$1000 76

UNAVAILABLE ASSETS.

Town of Errol note,	{	Local	}	\$650 00
Town of Landaff,	{	School Fund	}	250 00

				\$900 00

MOSES WHITCHER, FIRST SELECTMAN.

1886.

Mar.	29,	Filling out inventory blanks,	2 00
Apr.	6, 4 1-2	days taking invoice,	9 00
	16, 1	day copying invoice,	2 00
	23, 4	days making taxes,	8 00
	24, 1	day to Benton about school house,	2 00
May	10, 1	" on County road,	2 00
	12, 1	" at Plymouth on road indictment,	2 00
	15, 1-2	" delivering tax bills,	1 00
June	12,	copying invoice and taxes,	3 00
	15	" school house taxes and remittances,	2 00
Sept.	1	day with referee on County road,	2 00
	18 1	" with County Commissioners,	2 00
Oct.	16 1-2	" warning town meeting,	1 00
	20 1-2	" posting warrants at Easton	1 00
Dec.	30 1-2	" revising Juror box,	1 00
1887.			
Feb.	16 1-2	" warning town meeting,	1 00
	25 1	" settling claims,	2 00
	26 1	" with Auditors,	2 00
			\$45 00

F. E. COGSWELL, SECOND SELECTMAN.

1886.

Mar.	2, 1-2	day warning school meeting,	\$1 00
Apr.	6, 4 1-2	days taking invoice,	9 00
	16, 1	day copying invoice,	2 00
	23, 4	days making taxes,	8 00
Oct.	16, 1-2	day warning town meeting,	1 00
Dec.	30, 1-2	" revising juror box,	1 00
1887.			
Feb.	16, 1-2	" warning town meeting,	1 00
	25, 1	" settling claims,	2 00
	26, 1	" with Auditors,	2 00
			\$27 00

A. J. FLANDERS, THIRD SELECTMAN.

1886.

Mar.	2	1-2	day warning town meeting,	\$1 00
Apr.	6	4 1-2	days taking invoice,	9 00
	23	4	days making taxes,	8 00
Oct.	16	1	day warning town meeting and posting warrant.	2 00
Dec.	30	1-2	day revising juror box,	1 00

1887.

Feb.	16	1	day warning town meeting and posting warrant.	2 00
	25	1	" settling claims,	2 00
	26	1	" with Auditors,	2 00
				— \$27 00

S. A. EATON, TOWN CLERK.

To 47 pages copy,	\$7 99
Recording 4 births, 5 marriages and 5 deaths.	1 95
Drawing jurors,	3 00
Returning votes of Nov. election,	2 00
Postage and stationary,	54
	—
	\$15 48

In settling with the town officers, suffice it to say, we found everything in a satisfactory manner. Vouchers were produced for all expenditures when called for. Treasurer's books were kept with systematic accuracy. The town will see by the reported available assets, that there is nearly money enough to pay the ordinary expenses of the town the coming year; but to guard against any contingency which may arise, we recommend the town to raise \$500., and \$200. in addition for school purposes.

JOHN E. HALL.
HIRAM CLARK, } Auditors.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.



The first years work in our schools under the town district system, with whatever of success or failure it has been attended, is now a matter of record. There is necessarily more or less difficulty in adjusting all its parts so that they will work together without friction and one years trial is not sufficient to demonstrate its real value, but we think it safe to say, that while its advantages may not be so great as its friends claimed for it, it is not so bad a measure as its enemies feared. The delay attending the election of the school board last spring resulted in our having but very little time to get ready for work before the summer schools should begin, so that, when we were ready to hire our teachers, some of the best among the applicants had already secured positions in other places, and we were obliged to take such as we could get. Some of the schools have been a success, while others have lacked that essential characteristic, in a greater or less degree.

There has been no school in what was formerly District No. 9, but the five scholars living in that district have attended school in Benton, for which we paid the Benton school board four dollars each. There were only three scholars on Foster Hill, and these were provided for at school No. 3. We used twenty dollars of the school money for carrying these scholars to and from school.

The question whether J. T. & B. W. Clark belong in Landaff district or not is unsettled, and can only be determined by some decision of the courts, or additional legislation. They have collected and paid to us their share of school money from the town of Bath, as usual.

An article has been inserted in the warrant for school meeting to see how much money the district will vote to raise to purchase maps and globes for the several school houses. This is an important matter, as these articles are very much needed in our schools each term ; and we hope it will receive your favourable consideration.

The school money raised by vote of the town last year enabled us to support a fall term in three of the schools, and we should have had a fall term in No. 2, but for the fact that there were only a small number of scholars there, and these could be accommodated at the Centre school without very great inconvenience. We hope the same or a greater amount will be raised for the same purpose this year. Now that the town is out of debt let us deal liberally with our schools.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

The summer term of eight weeks was taught by Miss May E. Aldrich. Very good progress was made in most of the studies. With a closer application to her work, and a little more rigid ideas in regard to discipline, Miss Aldrich may continue the avocation of teaching with credit to herself and profit to our schools.

The fall term of nine weeks, was taught by Herbert S. Eaton. Mr. Eaton is too well known as a most successfull teacher to need any eulogy from us. Good work was done in all the classes, especially in those of the Common School Arithmetic and Analysis.

The winter term of ten weeks, was taught by the same teacher. The work so well begun in the fall term was continued through the winter. Towards the close of the term so many were obliged to stay out on account of sickness that the interest in the studies was seriously interrupted, but, notwithstanding this, good progress was made. The class in higher Algebra did remarkably well, and accomplished a great amount of work.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer term of six weeks was taught by Miss Gertrude Z. Durant. This was Miss Durant's first school, and, unfortunately, she did not succeed in gaining the good will of the pupils, and, as the result, they lost their interest in the studies taken, and the progress of the school was not what it should have been; although some good work was done.

The fall term of six weeks was taught by Miss Blanch G. Clark. This school was attended with a good degree of success. By the earnest efforts of the teacher, united with the good will of her scholars, much good work was done in a short time.

Winter term of twelve weeks was taught by C. C. Whitcher. The school was small, and the pupils quiet and studious. The classes in National Arithmetic and Grammar deserve especial mention for their proficiency. We wish all the scholars in town appreciated the importance of close and persistant study as well.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Summer term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Mary E. Flanders. This school while under Miss Flanders' care, was very satisfactory. Special mention may be made of the improvement of the class in the first reader.

The winter term was taught by Amos J. Eaton. Mr. Eaton is a young teacher whose literary qualifications are ample for teaching a more advanced school than this, and this was his first effort at teaching. We think more positiveness of character, and energy would enable him to better enforce his own ideas in regard to school discipline, and place himself on a higher plane of efficiency as a teacher. The class in Algebra passed a good examination, and the other classes made a fair degree of progress, but there was too much uncertainty, and not enough positive knowledge.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

The summer term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Hattie C. Poor. Miss Poor is a teacher of some experience and taught a good school. Good discipline and promptness in recitation were characteristics of the school.

Fall term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Susan M. Mann. Miss Mann is a teacher of much experience, and her labors here were very successful. The school was very large, and we regret to say there were a few of the boys who seemed to forget that they were there to learn, and also that they were young men, old enough to be setting examples of manliness for others. Besides this, there were so many classes that it was almost impossible for the teacher to hear a proper recitation of each class. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, we think the school a decided success, both in point of discipline and recitation. The classes in Common School Arithmetic and Book-Keeping did remarkably well.

The school in the winter term labored under the disadvantages incident to a change of teachers during the term. The school was commenced by Dan P. Gordon, who is also an experienced teacher, and we confidently expected a successful term, but at the end of four weeks he was obliged to give up the school on account of sickness, and we secured the services of Miss Nellie M. Eastman for the remaining eight weeks of the term. Miss Eastman's character and reputation as a successful teacher in our schools, is already well established; but this school fell so far short of what we had hoped for it, that it was in the nature of a disappointment. Several things, perhaps, conspired to produce this result. We are quite certain that, as in the fall term, several of the larger boys did not give the teacher the moral support and encouragement that they should have given, but took pleasure in repeated acts of petty mischief and insubordination, which were a source of continued annoyance to the teacher; and these acts emanate from boys who are old enough and large enough to know better. When will these boys learn to govern themselves, instead of being governed by physical force, and thus develop into a higher type of manhood?

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term of eight weeks was taught by Miss Mary A Whitcher. This was Miss Whitcher's first term as a teacher. At the commencement of the school we found everything in good order, and at our last visit near the close of the term, were well pleased with the work done.

The fall term of twelve weeks was taught by Miss Mary E Flanders. Miss Flanders fully sustained the reputation she has so well earned as a successful teacher in our schools.

We would say in regard to the scholars in school No. 2, and the same will hold true as applied to the other schools only in a lesser degree, that they have more "wants" than are necessary during study hours. They want to "go out," "go to the stove," "speak," "get a pencil," "get a book," "get some water" and many other things which are necessary only seldom. Teachers should use careful discrimination in such matters, and then execute without fear or favor.

* STATISTICAL TABLE. *

District.	Teacher.	No. of weeks.	No. scholars.	Average Attendance.	Whole No.	Wages.
Center.	May E. Aldrich,	8	20	19		\$18 00
	Herbert S. Eaton.	9	34	31	44	30 00
	Herbert S. Eaton.	10	34	29		30 00
No. 1.	Gertrude Z. Durant.	6	11	10		20 00
	Blanch G. Clark.	6	11	9	19	20 00
	C. C. Whitcher.	12	15	13		25 00
No. 2.	Mary E. Flanders,	8	16	15	20	16 00
	Amos J. Eaton,	10	18	15		20 00
No. 3.	Hattie C. Poor.	8	28	26		16 00
	Susan W. Mann.	8	40	35	46	22 00
	D. P. Gordon.	4				26 00
	Nellie M. Eastman.	8	34	28		25 00
No. 4.	Mary A. Whitcher.	8	16	13	21	16 00
	Mary E. Flanders.	12	21	13		18 00

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following are the names of those who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy:

SUMMER TERM.

Anna Dell Eaton	Gertie A. Young	Cora Presby
Sadie S. Merrill	Ella M. Woods	Lena A. Woods
Bessie F. Downer	Pluma R. Downer	Susie M. Downer
Emma Ball	Alice Ball	Edith Clark
Mary E. Bemis	Emilie W. McConnell	Maud Clark
Hattie Clark	Ellen Stimpson	Amos N. Albee
Louis A. Frye	Jessie H. Gordon	Scott A. Lynde
Geo. Lester Lynde	Harvey Presby	Harvey A. Young
Gerold T. Clark	Leon E. Noyes	Henry Noyes
John R. Noyes	Arthur G. Noyes	Bertie Ball
	Christie Stimpson	Scott Williams

FALL TERM.

Mary L. Poor	Susie W. Poor	Gertie A. Young
Jennie Whitcher	Maggie J. Mathison	Laura Wright
Nellie S. Spooner	Susie B. Spooner	Pluma R. Downer
Susie M. Downer	Emilie W. McConnell	Minnie B. Johnson
Evaline Noyes	Jennie Sherman	Alice Ball
Emma Ball	Edith Clark	Maud Clark
Hattie Clark	Louis A. Frye	Henry E. Gordon
Jessie H. Gordon	Geo. Lester Lynde	Percy H. Poor
Percy J. Poor	Fred E. Young	Frank W. Young
Almond H. Young	Fred N. Dowse	George Wright
Tommie A. Mathison	Charley Chandler	Leroy Noyes
Henry Noyes	Amos N. Albee	Bertie Ball

WINTER TERM

Mary L. Poor	Emma R. Poor	Susie W. Poor
Etta Flanders	Gertie A. Young	Jennie Whitcher
Minnie Rich	Joseph H. Frye	Henry E. Gordon

Jessie H. Gordon	Harry E. Poor	Percy H. Poor
Fred E. Young	Frank W. Young	Almond H. Young
Amos N. Albee	Morris W. Bronson	

The following have no absent or tardy marks during the year:

Gertie A. Young	Edith Clark	Hattie Clark
Maud Clark	Amos N. Albee	Jessie H. Gordon

C. C. WHITCHER,
J. E. HALL,
MOSES WHITCHER } School Board.

AUDITORS REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1887.

RECEIPTS.

Received of Town Treasurer,	\$735 03
" J. T. & B. W. Clark,	5 65
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	\$740 68

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for Support of School, No. 1,	148 60
" " No. 2,	92 00
" " No. 3,	167 00
" " No. 4,	92 12
Paid for Support of Centre,	193 50
Paid Town of Benton, Tuition for five scholars	20 00
Paid for Sundries,	2 35
Paid G. W. Clement for carrying scholars to and from school,	20 00
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In hands of School Board,	\$735 57
	5 11
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	\$740 68

The money which came into the hands of the board, we think, was very judiciously used; and vouchers exhibited for expenditures above reported. Had there been more money at their disposal, they might have had longer terms in some instances, and thus have derived more benefit from the amount of money expended.

F. P. NOYES, Auditor.

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